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ON THE DEATH OF

Mr. Gilbert Rule,

Principal of the COLLEGE of EDINBURGH.

Who Departed this Life, June 7th. 1701.

Aged 72 Years.

FULL fraught with years and Knowledge doth resort
The rich-lade Cargo to his Heavenly Port ;
Where the Celestial Harbingers do wait
To entertain what was Decree'd by Fate:
An Honour to the OLD METROPOLIS,
The Rich Man's Favour, and the Poor Man's Bless.
The Widows Friend, the Fatherless his Prop,
Th' oppressed's Help, and the distressed's Hope.
What needs Encomiums? thy own works praise thee;
Or Elegies? thy many Volumns raise thee.

It's hard to judge at which two he was best,
Divine or *Philosoph*: Great in the least.

A RULE to rich and poor, to small and Great;
Learnings rich Magazine, and Wisedoms Sear.

In his own person was a Library,
And Glory of the *University*,
Whose Works shall live unto Eternity.

Let Friends then cease for to Lament and Mourn,
And bring the Earthly mould unto its Urn ;
(As the all-seeing Providence would have it)
While that the Soul returns to God who gave it.

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